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- b) addition of new types of fieldbuses;
- c) division of this part into multiple parts numbered -4-1, -4-2, ..., -4-19.

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## INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 61158 is one of a series produced to facilitate the interconnection of automation system components. It is related to other standards in the set as defined by the “three-layer” fieldbus reference model described in IEC/TR 61158-1.

The data-link protocol provides the data-link service by making use of the services available from the physical layer. The primary aim of this standard is to provide a set of rules for communication expressed in terms of the procedures to be carried out by peer data-link entities (DLEs) at the time of communication. These rules for communication are intended to provide a sound basis for development in order to serve a variety of purposes:

- a) as a guide for implementors and designers;
- b) for use in the testing and procurement of equipment;
- c) as part of an agreement for the admittance of systems into the open systems environment;
- d) as a refinement to the understanding of time-critical communications within OSI.

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#### 1 Scope

##### 1.1 General

The data-link layer provides basic time-critical messaging communications between devices in an automation environment.

This protocol provides communication opportunities to all participating data-link entities

- a) in a cyclic asynchronous manner, sequentially to each of those data-link entities, and
- b) in a synchronous manner, either cyclically or acyclically, according to a pre-established schedule.

The specified protocol also provides means of changing the set of participating data-link entities and of modifying the set of scheduled communications opportunities. When the set of scheduled communications opportunities is null, the distribution of communication opportunities to the participating data-link entities is completely asynchronous.

Thus this protocol can be characterized as one which provides access asynchronously but with a synchronous overlay.

##### 1.2 Specifications

This standard specifies

- a) procedures for the timely transfer of data and control information from one data-link user entity to a peer user entity, and among the data-link entities forming the distributed data-link service provider;
- b) the structure of the fieldbus DLPDUs used for the transfer of data and control information by the protocol of this standard, and their representation as physical interface data units.

##### 1.3 Procedures

The procedures are defined in terms of

- a) the interactions between peer DL-entities (DLEs) through the exchange of fieldbus DLPDUs;
- b) the interactions between a DL-service (DLS) provider and a DLS-user in the same system through the exchange of DLS primitives;
- c) the interactions between a DLS-provider and a Ph-service provider in the same system through the exchange of Ph-service primitives.

##### 1.4 Applicability

These procedures are applicable to instances of communication between systems which support time-critical communications services within the data-link layer of the OSI or fieldbus reference models, and which require the ability to interconnect in an open systems interconnection environment.

Profiles provide a simple multi-attribute means of summarizing an implementation's capabilities, and thus its applicability to various time-critical communications needs.

## 1.5 Conformance

This standard also specifies conformance requirements for systems implementing these procedures. This standard does not contain tests to demonstrate compliance with such requirements.

## 2 Normative reference

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For all other undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 61158-3-17, *Industrial communication networks – Fieldbus specifications – Part 3-17: Data-link layer service definition – Type 17 elements*

ISO/IEC 7498 (all parts), *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Basic Reference Model*

ISO/IEC 8802-3, *Information technology – Telecommunications and information exchange between systems – Local and metropolitan area networks - Specific requirements – Part 3: Carrier sense multiple access with collision detection (CSMA/CD) access method and physical layer specifications*

ISO/IEC 10731, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Basic Reference Model – Conventions for the definition of OSI services*

IEEE Std 802.3ab, *Information technology – Telecommunications and information exchange between systems - Local and metropolitan area networks – Specific requirements – Supplement to Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection (CSMA/CD) access method and physical layer specifications – Physical layer parameters and specifications for 1000 Mb/s operation over 4-pair of category 5 balanced copper cabling, type 1000BASE-T*

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## 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1 Terms and definitions

#### 3.1.1 ISO/IEC 10731 terms

- a) (N)-connection
- b) (N)-entity
- c) (N)-layer

- d) (N)-service
- e) (N)-service-access-point
- f) confirm (primitive)
- g) deliver (primitive)
- h) indication (primitive)
- i) request (primitive)
- j) response (primitive)

### 3.1.2 Other terms and definitions

#### 3.1.2.1

##### **bridge**

intermediate equipment that connects two or more segments using a Data Link layer relay function

#### 3.1.2.2

##### **domain**

part of the RTE network consisting of one or two subnetwork(s)

NOTE Two subnetworks are required to compose a dual-redundant RTE network, and each end node in the domain is connected to both of the subnetworks.

#### 3.1.2.3

##### **domain master**

station which performs diagnosis of routes to all other domains, distribution of network time to nodes inside the domain, acquisition of absolute time from the network time master and notification of status of the domain

#### 3.1.2.4

##### **domain number**

numeric identifier which indicates a domain

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#### 3.1.2.5

##### **external bridge**

bridge to which neither internal bridges nor RTE stations are connected directly

#### 3.1.2.6

##### **interface port**

physical connection point of an end node, which has an independent DL-address

#### 3.1.2.7

##### **internal bridge**

bridge to which no routers, external bridges or nodes non-compliant with this specification are connected directly

#### 3.1.2.8

##### **junction bridge**

bridge to which at least one router, external bridge or node non-compliant with this specification, and to which at least one internal bridge or RTE station is connected

#### 3.1.2.9

##### **link**

physical communication channel between two nodes

#### 3.1.2.10

##### **network time master**

station which distributes network time to domain masters

**3.1.2.11**

**non-redundant interface node**

node which has a single interface port

**3.1.2.12**

**non-redundant station**

station that consists of a single end node

NOTE “non-redundant station” is synonymous with “end node”.

**3.1.2.13**

**path**

logical communication channel between two nodes, which consists of one or two link(s)

**3.1.2.14**

**redundant interface node**

node with two interface ports one of which is connected to a primary network, while the other is connected to a secondary network

**3.1.2.15**

**redundant station**

station that consists of a pair of end nodes

NOTE Each end node of a redundant station has the same station number, but has a different DL-address.

**3.1.2.16**

**route**

logical communication channel between two communication end nodes

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**3.1.2.17**

**router**

intermediate equipment that connects two or more subnetworks using a network layer relay function

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**3.1.2.18**

**RTE station**

station with real-time capability

**3.1.2.19**

**segment**

communication channel that connects two nodes directly without intervening bridges

**3.1.2.20**

**station**

end node or a pair of end nodes that perform a specific application function

**3.1.2.21**

**station number**

numeric identifier which indicates a RTE station

**3.1.2.22**

**subnetwork**

part of a network that does not contain any routers. A subnetwork consists of end nodes, bridges and segments

NOTE Every end node included in a subnetwork has the same IP network address.

## 3.2 Abbreviations and symbols

### 3.2.1 ISO/IEC 10731 abbreviations

**OSI** Open Systems Interconnection

### 3.2.2 Other abbreviations and symbols

**ASS** acknowledged sequence of unitdata transfer service

**AUS** acknowledged unitdata transfer service

**DL-** Data-link layer (as a prefix)

**DLE** DL-entity (the local active instance of the data-link layer)

**DLL** DL-layer

**DLM** DL-management

**DLMS** DL-management Service

**DLPDU** DL-protocol-data-unit

**DLS** DL-service

**DLSAP** DL-service-access-point

**DLSDU** DL-service-data-unit

**FIFO** first-in first-out (queuing method)

**ID** identifier

**IEC** International Electrotechnical Commission

**ind** indication primitive

**IP** Internet protocol

**ISO** International Organization for Standardization

**LLC** logical link control

**lsb** least significant bit

**MAC** medium access control

**msb** most significant bit

**MSS** multipoint sequence of unitdata transfer service

**MUS** multipoint unitdata transfer service

**PDU** protocol data unit

**Ph-** physical layer (as a prefix)

**PhL** Ph-layer

**QoS** quality of service

**req** request primitive

**rsp** response primitive

**SAP** service access point

**SDU** service data unit

**ToS** type of service

**UUS** unacknowledged unitdata transfer service

## 3.3 Conventions

### 3.3.1 General conventions

This standard uses the descriptive conventions given in ISO/IEC 10731.

### 3.3.2 Conventions for DLE protocol procedure definitions

The conventions used for DLE state machine definitions are described in Table 1.

**Table 1 – Conventions used for protocol procedure definitions**

Event	Condition	Procedure
Events that trigger these actions	Conditions	Actions that are taken when the events and conditions are met

## 4 Overview of the DL-protocol

### 4.1 General

The Data Link Layer provides basic real-time and reliable communications between devices in automation environments.

This part of the document specifies

- a) procedures of the Data Link (DL) protocols for real-time data transfer and control information from one Data Link Service user entity to a peer user entity, and among the Data Link entities forming the distributed Data Link Service provider;
- b) the structure of the Data Link Protocol Data Units (DLPDUs) used for data transfer and control information, and their mapping to the underlying layers.

The procedures are defined in terms of

- a) the interactions between peer DL-entities (DLEs) through the exchange of fieldbus Data Link Protocol Data Units;
- b) the interactions between a DL-service (DLS) provider and a DLS-user in the same system through the exchange of DLS primitives;
- c) the interactions between a DLS-provider and a Physical Service provider in the same system through the exchange of Ph-service primitives.

### 4.2 Characteristics of the protocol

The requirements of continuous process control, e.g. in the Oil and Gas, Petrochemical and Chemical, Pharmaceutical and Power industries, result in the following characteristic features of the Data Link protocol.

The maximum system size for this protocol is 254 subnetworks of 254 nodes, where each node has 254 DLSAP-addresses. All Data Link entities can communicate with all others in a cyclic or acyclic manner with prioritized access, or in a combination of the two.

This protocol provides real-time communication by means of transmission scheduling. The minimum cycle-time of scheduling is 10 ms. In addition, it provides a means to maintain clock synchronization across a subnetwork with a precision better than 1 ms, and across an extended network with a precision better than 5 ms.

This protocol provides reliable and flexible communications by remotely confirmed acyclic data transfer with retransmission. In addition, it provides a dual-redundant network with a switchover time of less than 100 ms, and also provides the facilities for dual-redundant devices.

### 4.3 Data-link layer architecture

#### 4.3.1 General

The DLL is modeled as

- a) a real-time data transfer function;
- b) a datagram transfer function;
- c) a network routing function;
- d) a media access function;
- e) a logical link and management function.

With the exception of the real-time data transfer function, each function is implemented according to the following existing protocols specified in Table 2.

**Table 2 – Referenced standards for the layers**

Function	Compliance
Datagram transfer function	RFC 768 (UDP)
Network routing function	RFC 791 (IP)
Media access function	ISO/IEC 8802-3, IEEE Std 802.3ab

#### 4.3.2 Real-time data transfer function

The real-time data transfer function is specified in this specification, and it provides the Connectionless-mode Data Link Service specified in IEC 61158-3-17.

#### 4.3.3 Datagram transfer function

The datagram transfer function is compliant with RFC 768 (UDP definition) and provides datagram transfer service for the real-time data transfer function.

#### 4.3.4 Network routing function

The network routing function is compliant with RFC 791 (IP definition) and provides datagram routing service for the datagram transfer function.

This function also performs fragmentation of a datagram to maintain independence from MTU of the underlying sublayer. The function utilizes two logical link functions to realize a dual-redundant network.

In a dual-redundant station, two network routing entities are implemented for both end nodes.

#### 4.3.5 Logical link and media access function

The logical link and media access function is compliant with ISO/IEC 8802-3. It provides fragments transfer service within a subnetwork and a means of accessing the network for the network routing function.

Two entities that execute media access function are implemented in a node to realize a dual-redundant network.

#### 4.3.6 Management function

The management function is specified in this specification, and it provides the DL-management Service and DLSAP management Data Link Service. These services are specified in IEC 61158-3-17.